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WITH DECISION THRESHOLD ADJUSTMENT  
BASED ON A TOTAL PERCENTAGE ERROR  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 20, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

**Amendments to the Specification**, which begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims**, which are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 18 of this paper.